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Lodge Directory.

M. W. A.—Meade Camp No. 1738, meets
every first third and fifth Monday night
of each month.

JOHN D. WEHRLE, V. C.
JOHN ELLIOTT, Clerk.

A. O. U. W.—Meets on second and fourth
Tuesdays of each month.

D. B. STUTSMAN, M. W.
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A. F. & A. M.—Webb Lodge No. 275 meets
Saturday night on or before the full moon
of each month.

O. HAMILTON, W. M.
E. F. RIEMAN, Secretary.

Churches.

METHODIST—Services each Sunday at 11
a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting each
Wednesday evening.

REV. W. W. ENYEART, Pastor.

BAPTIST—Services first and second Sun-
days of each month at usual hours.

REV. J. M. ROBINSON, Pastor.

CATHOLIC—Services on notice each month
REV. JAMES DONOHUE, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN—Services on notice each
month. REV. A. H. PARKS, Pastor.

Christian Endeavor—Meets every Sunday
evening at 7:30 at Baptist Church.

WINNIE BONHAM, President.

Epworth League—Meets every Sunday night
at M. E. Church at 7:30 p. m.

LULU PICK, President.
OLA PICK, Sec'y.

County Officers.

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| Representative | Geo. W. Wiley |
| Treasurer | Geo. B. Cones |
| Clerk | Frank Wehrle |
| Probate Judge | David Truax |
| Clerk of Dist. Court | John Elliott |
| Register of Deeds | Winnie Bonham |
| Sheriff | F. C. Judd |
| County Attorney | A. T. Bodle Sr. |
| Supt. Public Instruction | J. A. Porterfield |
| Commissioners | John Innis, John Conrad, H. E. Hayden. |

ROCK ISLAND TIME CARD.

No. 62 east 9:47 a. m.
No. 61 going west 5:44 p. m.

N. B. PECK, Agent.

The republican congressional conven-
tion will be held at Hutchinson
Apr. 18 and the state convention
May 16.

Secretary Gage says the national
banks expected their deposits to in-
crease a bit so he had to favor them
"just a little."

We note that W. J. Fitzgerald, of
Dodge City is a candidate for the
republican senatorial nomination
in this district.

Henry Watterson's stand for
Goebel in his contest would indicate
that he had a good case, as Watter-
son is pretty good authority.

The only difference between Kan-
sas and Kentucky is that in Ken-
tucky they fight with real bullets
and in Kansas the bullets are gen-
erally of paper and wind.

W. J. Fitzgerald was this week
elected republican state commit-
tee man from the 31st judicial district
to fill the vacancy caused by the
resignation of Judge Price.

Grant Shaw thinks the state ought
to build an asylum for suckers who
buy territory for patent rights and
otherwise "bite themselves into
poverty." That would give the fish
warden something to do.

An exchange rudely remarks of
Gov. Stanley: While Eugene
Stanley is in the employ of Dixie
Lee, he ought to be in position to
get some pointers for use in his
great bad bug crusade.

The Cimarron Jacksonian is kick-
ing because the richest man in
Cimarron sponges his reading by
borrowing a neighbor's Jacksonian.
Well, that is all right. Most people
like a good thing, but some are too
stingy to pay for it.

Wm. Goebel, of Kentucky, Demo-
cratic contestant for Governor,
was shot by an unknown assassin,
and died last Saturday evening. He
was sworn in as Governor, the com-
mittee on contests deciding that he
was the legally elected candidate
for that office. J. C. W. Beckham
was sworn in as Lieutenant govern-
or and since Gov. Goebel's death
has assumed the duties of governor.

Of Interest to Stockmen.

The sixth Annual convention of
the Oklahoma Livestock association
will be held at El Reno Feb. 13-14.

25,000 head of cattle near Bliss,
Okla., were recently dehorned and
only two head were lost. The work
was done by an expert who dehorned
them at the rate of one steer a
minute.—Live-Stock Inspector.

We rode a few miles with M. C.
Campbell, the Wichita stock man,
Wednesday morning. He was going
to his Ashland ranch. He says
feed is so high out there that he will
move 500 head of steers into Chase
county and feed them on cane and
corn. He has between 2,300 and
2,400 head of stock on his Ashland
ranch, and has 760 head of stock
fattening in his feed lots at Mulvane.
—Wichita Star.

Speaking of blackleg and its
treatment, J. B. Elliot, of Coin,
says in substance: Blackleg is con-
fined for the most part to domestic
cattle or cattle in fine condition. It
results rather from constipation,
and cattle that travel far to and
from water are seldom afflicted with
it. Dehorning is a good pre-
ventive. So is vaccine. The
symptoms of blackleg resemble those
of a foundered horse, and acquired
largely from lack of exercise. Salt
is a good cure for blackleg, but
should be put into a water tank
instead of out on the prairie, as is
usually done. A pint of salt should
be placed in the tank and if this
amount is insufficient to effect a
cure, more should be added. This
is a sure cure, based on experimental
knowledge. One stockman who had
been losing five or six cattle daily
from effects of blackleg tried this
remedy with the result that he has
not lost one since.—Beaver Herald.

GETTING RID OF PRAIRIE DOGS.
How to get rid of prairie dogs is
a question that has puzzled the
stockmen for many years. The
destruction caused by these little
pests every year is almost incal-
culable. It is estimated that in the
pastures in which they abound they
destroy more than 50 per cent of
the grass and in some instances the
damage is almost total.

Various expedients have from
time to time been resorted to, but
none of them seem to quite answer
the purpose. Capt. J. D. Mitchell,
manager of the Square and Compass
ranch, has a receipt for killing
prairie dogs which he has tried with
success, and highly recommends.
He used the receipt on 80 sections
and freed the land entirely. Some
of his neighbors have seen the good
results of it and say they intend to
try it on their ranges. Capt.
Mitchell desires to bring the receipt
to the attention of stockmen who
are annoyed by the dogs and asks
that the following be published:

Put into a glass jar and let stand
for 24 hours, the whites of one
dozen eggs and five spoonfuls of
green coffee. Dissolve in one and
one-half pints of hot water one-half
pound of cyanide of potassium, and
pour into the mixture of eggs and
shake well. Then pour into the
mixture one-quarter pound strychnine,
dissolve in one pint of hot
water, and mix well together. Then
take one gallon of good syrup and
stir in with the poison, and then
mix with two bushels of good wheat
or kafir corn and stir in one gallon
of meal. Stir well so as to get well
mixed.

A prairie dog that partakes of the
above mixture will immediately take
flight to that bourne whence no
prairie dog returns. — Colorado
(Texas) Stockman.

The second annual meeting of the Kansas
State Mutual Hail Association, whose head-
quarters are at this place was held at the
company's office on Jan. 4, 1900 for the
purpose of electing a Board of 15 directors
and reviewing the business of the past year.

Representatives of the company from various
parts of the State were in attendance.
All were highly pleased with the record
which the company has made and were very
enthusiastic for its future. The company in-
sured wheat, oats, rye, barley, and flax last
year for from \$2.00 to \$8.00 per acre at a
cost of 4 per cent and after paying all losses
and expenses, they made a rebate to the
members of 41 per cent of the premium paid
in. This made the insurance cost the patrons
of the company 2 3/4-100 per cent. This
shows that insurance can be carried for much
less than what some companies have been
charging in years past.

All were so well pleased with the plan and
the record made with it, that no changes were
made. A board of 15 directors were chosen.

With the present outlook for wheat and
the wonderful record made last year, we be-
lieve for them a very large business this sea-
son.

The company is run on sound business
principles and we attribute its success to the
fact that the President and the Secretary and
the entire Board of Directors have had
many years experience in Mutual Hail In-
surance.—McPherson Opinion.

OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

NEWSY NOTES AND ITEMS OF INTEREST
SENT US BY OUR FRIENDS WHO
LIVE IN THE COUNTRY.

EAST SIDE ITEMS.

Not having made connections
in our private mail service, we
did not get to impose on the editor
and readers of the NEWS with
our "gibberish" last week.

We welcome the new corres-
pondents in your columns.
Crackerjack has our sympathy
as he seems to have "girl on the
brain," which is a serious com-
plaint, but not incurable.

Sweet William need not get
scared about those "cyclones he
speaks about in week before last's
paper. They occur periodically
in that locality, but have never
resulted in any fatalities.

Mr. S. M. Bennett has been
seriously ill for two weeks but is
better now.

Mr. John Wymer and sweet-
heart, of Fowler, attended church
at Lakeview Sunday.

John Krisle spent Sunday at
F. I. Bennett's.

Mrs. John Lewis, of Wolfey
ranch, has been very ill of late.

Charles Edwards has taken a
partner in his domestic life, in
the person of John Krisle. We
hear the boys vow everlasting
fidelity to each other and eternal
batchelorhood blighted hopes we
suppose the cause.

Rumor hath it that there should
have been a spelling match at
Spring Creek. James Hinsdale
Sr., to give a medal for the best
speller. Ask Hinsdale for par-
ticulars.

George Bloxam, who has resided
in the Indian country for a
number of years, has returned
to his old stamping ground, Log-
an twp., You would have to
look twice to see a shadow of him
—the result of chills and pneu-
monia. He is glad to get back.

Harry Chilcott, of the Chilcott
ranch, dined at F. I. Bennett's
Sunday.

Miss Ruth Bennett has three
weeks more school after which
she intends teaching in the Chil-
cott district.

EAST SIDER.

FAIRVIEW NEWS.

The south side writer seems
to think the South side of Meade
county extends into Okla., but
we are inclined to think the writer
lives across the line. Come
again though, we like to hear
from all parts.

We don't believe the ground
hog knows anything about the
weather as a Crane was seen go-
ing north Friday evening.

Tom Martin has been home
the past week, visiting "Ma," of
course.

Ben Cordes has been on the
sick list but we hope he is better
by the time this is in print.

Hattie Rhodes is home now,
having finished a four month
term of school in the Jno. George
district.

Jakie Myers took dinner with
D. Barragree Saturday.

There was a card party at Jake
Cordes' last week. The boys re-
ported a pleasant eve.

M. P. Petefish and Ed Kragh
went south about eighty miles
after posts, Ed says he will soon
have posts of his own when his
trees grow up.

John Barragree says he will be
glad when Tom gets a cook for
he is tired of making a 5-mile trip
every morning to feed the calves.

We wonder if we are not ac-
quainted with the Plains corres-
pondent. The verses seem fam-
iliar.

Several people took dinner at
E. Sengers Sunday, it being his
wife's birthday.

Jesse Edson has purchased a
covered buggy. We wonder what
will happen next. Buggy riding
isn't pleasant alone.

Katie Martin is having a severe
time with a felon on her thumb.
We hope it will soon be better as
she had it lanced.

Dennis Barragree is busy split-
ting rows with a lister. He says
he believes in having the ground
in good condition for the spring
crop.

A social and literary entertain-
ment was given at Ernst Sengers'
Thursday of last week. All of
those present had an enjoyable
evening. Mr. Senger gave some
very fine music on his accordion.
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ARTESIAN ITEMS.

Good weather still hangs about
in big chunks in spite of false
prophecies and early farming.

Rev. Enyeart delivered a very
interesting sermon Sunday. He
is one of the most earnest work-
ers ever in this field and that he
may be returned by conference
is our sincere desire.

Judge Davis has been rather
unfortunate in his house moving
undertaking. Many accidents
and much bad luck have increased
expense.

School at Artesian is doing
nicely under the able guidance of
one of Meade county's best teach-
ers, Miss Petefish.

B. F. Cox has been entertaining
and showing two "Mizzory"
friends around for the past week.

The young men of this locality
are to be commended for their
good attendance at Sunday
school. The young ladies might
take an inspiration and come
more regularly.

If the literary at No. 37 contin-
ues much longer there will be a
dog famine in Crooked Creek
twp. Four dogs a night is a
rather steep tax to levy for the
support of such a small organiza-
tion.

Emous Eliason, from Okla., is
visiting his brother, Andor.

Vick & Son are turning sod on
the Kerns quarter for a big feed
crop and Will Sourbeer is plow-
ing for R. L. Sawyer. May the
good work go on.

Blackleg has again made its
appearance in this locality among
the calves at Eliason's and at
Marrs', resulting fatally at the
former place but as yet no damage
has been reported at the latter.

Frank Marrs says the hog
business is the "real thing" and
he is going to raise a whole car-
load this year.

Pardon us, dear reader, for this
first attempt at rhyme, we
promise not to repeat the offense,
somehow this effort could not be
suppressed, hence the following:

AN INVITATION.
Come and see us, Crackerjack,
On the 10th, will you not?
Eat oysters, cake and coffee.
For we'll serve them up red-hot.
Bring along that other "guy"
With the thin, elastic neck,
Have him bring a railroad shovel,
He'll eat oysters by the peck.
But a word of warning, Jack,
Let us kindly know in part.
Lest our hospitality
Cause the briny tear to start.
This, dear Crackerjack, is what
We would upon you now impress,
Keep watch upon your "side partner"
And his rubberneckiness.
For, when you are saturated
With the tempting bivalve soup,
He'll open up his pharynx,
And down you'll go, ker-swoop.

Yours Truly,
IKE.

EVERGREEN ITEMS.

The weather is still warm and
pleasant, more like spring than
winter.

Mrs. Bateman and Miss Grace
visited at Mr. Pinnick's Wednes-
day.

Mrs. Keith and Miss Laura
were guests at Mr. Altenbernd's
Monday.

Mrs. Fancher was visiting at
Mr. Altenbernd's Saturday.

Mrs. Smith and daughter Lau-
ra were at Mr. Cole's Wednes-
day.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Cole
Jan. 30th, a daughter. We
suppose they are proud of their first
daughter.

Mrs. Woodruff had the mis-
fortune of breaking her arm
Wednesday.

Mr. Altenbernd is sick this
week.

Some of the scholars missed
several days of school this week
on account of sickness.

There is a scarcity of news
this week so this is all for this
time.

CRICKET.

CRACKERJACK RENUNCIATIONS.

We are sorry Mr. Crackerjack
did not get our last week's items
but we will not be quite so slow
after this, so Mr. Crackerjack
you had better be a little careful
how you are talking about our
girls, for we will surely pay you
back. Our eyes are on you.

I am sorry to tell Mr. Cracker-
jack that Mr. Chas. Hill caught
fourteen of your skunks in one
hole.

[Hugh Trober informs us that
he recently captured 16 skunks
in one hole and wants to know if
Frazier can beat this?—Ed.]

We have no doubt that the girl
you got so poetical about was one
of the girls that combs her hair
back straight, but it's a good
thing you did not come to me to
get your hand squeezed or I guess
you'd died waiting, but we will

talk to you again.

The measles have left this
neighborhood and some people
say they don't care.

Mr. Jim Walter still continues
to lead his classes on to victory.
By the way, Mr. Jim is getting
pretty thick with some of our
straight-haired girls and we
would advise some of the Meade
girls to be looking up his record.

There will be a basket social at
the M. E. church Friday evening
Feb. 9, to which everybody is in-
vited.

H. Dyer is still making im-
provements with his customary
get up.

Well, Mr. Crackerjack, most
of our boys are the same old boys
and we wonder if they will ever
be anything else. Two of them
got themselves three of our
straight-haired girls and went to
Wilburn to attend the literary in
progress there. They report a
good time. Of course, Cracker-
jack was not one of them, that is
maybe he was not. We won't
tell.

Well, Mr. Crackerjack, since
you got so poetical last week I
just thought I would try my hand
a little, so here goes

THE FOWLER BOY.
The Fowler boy is hard to beat,
Of that you may be sure.
He likes to drink and chew and swear,
And smoke the cigarret.
He likes to use the playing card,
To tell stories by the yard,
To tell you more about our pard,
"I would take an ancient bard.
So girls don't worry about the boys,
But comb your hair just as you please,
And you can get the Fowler boys
With ease just when you please.

A FOWLER GIRL.

PLAINS ITEMS.

Some of the people in this vicin-
ity say that if this southern
breeze continues they will be con-
vinced that the "ground hog"
sure enough saw his shadow
and will somewhat dread the
future of the weather, while oth-
ers say, when they think of the
long hot days in July and August,
they are willing to endure cold
weather long enough to put up
some ice.

Messrs. Bisbee, Hempel and
Elder drove over to Meade and
back Saturday.

Gracie Harbit spent Sunday
with Mr. Hempel's folks.

Myrtle Addie and Eva Smith
went down to Arkalon Friday
night to attend literary. They
stayed over until Monday with
Mr. Herns and report a good
time.

Pauline Fox spent Saturday
and Sunday with Mrs. Osborne.

The entertainment given by
the Blair Moving Picture Co. on
Tuesday night proved to be just
as they promised, strictly up-to-
date. The pictures were not only
interesting but instructive. Ev-
eryone turned out and returned
to their homes feeling as though
they had not only enjoyed them-
selves but were benefited by
spending their evening thus.

Buffalo Bill was there and en-
joyed himself very much and
would like to have them call again.

Mrs. B. F. Bisbee is somewhat
better this week and it is hoped
she will soon be well again.

Mr. Brown, of Santa Fe, spent
Sunday with the Edwards boys.
BUFFALO BILL.

FOWLER NEWS.

It is with fear and trembling that we
venture to appear this week after reading
notice of a series of "Crackerjack Renun-
ciations" being received by the NEWS, which
we presume will appear in same issue at this.
We are afraid somebody has a pain, and
knowing our own weakness in the matter of
pencil pushing, we fear some flaxen-haired
member of our sex—probably young and rash
—has become offended and will so overwhelm
us with vituperous prognostications, of her
virulent verbosity as to quite overcome us,
hence, our knees have been knocking together
for one whole week in horrible anticipation of
what's in that poem on the "Fowler Boy,"
We were just about to impose a line, entitled
the "Fowler Boy"—which we composed just
before reposing one time—in murdered En-
glish, on the public, but since reading the ar-
ticle referred to, will bide our time while the
poem slumbers.

We wish to thank sister Happy, of Byers,
for his very complimentary remarks concern-
ing ourselves, and wish to assure the good-
natured old girl that at present there is no
danger of our "fooling ourselves", for the
old bachelors up this way are at present all
toggled out with sweethearts hence we have
no choice.

The NEWS is gaining quite a circulation in
Fowler and vicinity, and many words of praise
as to the able manner in which it is edited,
are heard most every day.

A. Walters came in last week from Missouri
having purchased property in Johnson county
near Holden and will soon move his belong-
ings to that place. We regret to see Mr.
Walters and his estimable family leave us,
but wish them abundant success in their new
home.

Ed Miles went to Meade Saturday to prove
up on his claim. He reports the city all o. k.
and as full of sport as ever.

Karl Ellis and Geo. Fowler are turning the
virgin soil for Billy Miles this week.

Mrs. Carr was removed to Dodge last week
where she could have nearer access to medi-
cal assistance. She stood the trip well and
at present writing is reported improving.

Another fatality occurred in the measles list
last week. A young man near Wilburn died
and several more are reported dangerously ill.
It seems to be a more severe attack than
usual.

John Wymer and his lady were driving in
the country Sunday.

Willie Hotz and Lou Hathaway, two former
residents, southwest of town, now of
Woodward, Ok., are here on a business tour.

Cattle, despite the mild winter—are not in
as good a condition as usual, which is unac-
countable for, unless it is the poor grass, as
there is surely plenty of good feed and they
are getting it, too.

F. M. Davis got as far as Ellis' pasture
where an unfortunate break in the skids has
caused delay and no end of trouble.

The Fowler band is not heard any these
still, dark nights. They must be resting easy.

Mrs. Nett returned Friday evening from
Missouri.

The Prof. had hard work getting off from
the train Friday evening. Not because it
was moving so fast but because of the attrac-
tion. No wonder, any man is excusable un-
der the circumstances.

Revels closed here Tuesday night. Nearly
eight weeks of continuous revels have
been held here. Quite a number were added
to the church lists.

Did you hear us say anything about the
weather, this time? Well, we guess nit. It
was all there, however, when we left, so was
your humble servant,

CRACKERJACK.

Educational Column.

By J. A. PORTERFIELD, Co. Supt.

Program for Teachers' Association to be
held at the school house in Meade, Saturday,
March 3, beginning at 1:30 p. m.

Instrumental solo—Jennie Kessler.

Invocation—President.

Reading of minutes—Secretary.

Recitation—Gertie Williams.

Discussion—How can we create interest in
grammar for older pupils who are deficient in
that branch?—Maggie Martin, Linna Petefish.

Music.

General discussion—Should punctuation be
taught as a distinct subject?

Impersonation—Co. Supt.

Book review—Sada Jenkins.

Roll-call, quotations from Shakespeare.

Adjournment.

Comm. on program { Carrie Painter,
Sada Jenkins,
J. A. Porterfield.

Reading circle program:
Greenwood—Chapters VII and VIII—
Ruth Bennett.

Lecky—Pages 152 to 200.—B. E. Crane.

I have been requested to remind school
district treasurers that their official bonds
should each bear a 50-cent revenue stamp.
Since school officers receive no salary it is
only just that the districts should furnish the
stamp.

The Great Presidential Campaign of 1900.

The wars of America have, heretofore,
settled affairs of state. Great questions of
policy, of national motives and national
conclusions have been answered as soon as the